

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Pinchot's Valiant Fight

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Good for the first page editor in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER of even date!

It is not possible to print a little more of the "Alaska Seal"? At least the part Pinchot played in the defense of Gifford Pinchot—who was being made the "goat,"

To know how Pinchot used his private means to see justice done an obscure clerk would make mighty interesting reading for the working men just at this time.

Yours for success,
E. E. STRAUB,
Philadelphia, May 12, 1922.

The Truth, Then Act

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—if you vote for Pinchot on Tuesday, you are no longer an American. If you vote for me, you do not want a government of the people, for the people and by the people. The TRUTH is a rare thing in life today. When you meet me, ACT—show your colors Tuesday, and thank the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER for the TRUTH given in its editorial of its front page.

LEANDER C. CALPINNICK,

Philadelphia, May 12, 1922.

In the Good Old Times'

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—I am wondering how many of the readers of the People's Forum know that I did not until a few days ago and then learned of it quite by accident—that once upon a time, in the good old colony times, to quote the opening line of an old song, there was a State of Franklin and it was a candidate for admission into the ranks of America commonwealths.

Delving into a history for the purpose of finding something else, I came upon the statement that my whisky was upon the statement that my whisky was once a legal tender. This may have been a melancholy interest for the Americans of this era! Prohibition era. In those happy but bygone days of liberty a boy of the State of Franklin could buy a good homespun shirt for a cent.

This forgotten State of Frank' was sealed to the public's notice as it was to mind by accident, by an offer made by Greenville, Tenn., to the Board of American Yeomen of a site for a State house for orphans and half-orphans which the fraternal society is planning to build.

In my delving into ancient lore, I found out that in 1772 settlers in East Tennessee organized the Watauga Association. Executive power was vested in a committee of five. A long time was lost, but the dream of the pioneers of establishing a separate colony with a royal governor was abandoned when the original thirteen colonies plunged into the War of Independence against England.

In 1784, the Watauga settlers met at Jonesborough and organized the State of Franklin. John Sevier was the first governor. By tradition, however, shirts and pieces of bacon were declared the legal tender or money of the new commonwealth. Congress, however, refused to recognize the State and the territory eventually reverted to North Carolina.

When John Sevier governed the State of Franklin, all the country west of the Alleghenies was wilderness and Daniel Boone was fighting Indians in Kentucky.

And in those halcyon days, don't forget, when Boon and Sevier and thousands of other patriots were assisting in the building up of the land of the free and the home of the brave, such a thing as the Anti-Saloon League and similar organizations, in furthering the liberties of twentieth century Americans, were never heard of and would not have been tolerated if they had dared to raise their fanatical heads.

BOURBON.

Philadelphia, May 8, 1922.

Poetic Plea for Pinchot

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—if you can find space for in-closed acrostic "Vote for Pinchot, he will be a good man."

I do not know Mr. Pinchot. My opinions are based upon your articles and those of your brilliant special writer, Mr. George Nox McLean. I am not a politician, but I believe in good, clean, honest government, hence my sympathies are with you in your fight for Pinchot.

A. DE SALES TUSLDAN,

Philadelphia, May 8, 1922.

AN ACROSTIC

Vicious tricks and vicious threatening—
Open—Shamans. All can see
Double winter in the making;
Easy linked to teachers.

Frame-ups, bribes and corruption,
Outward sanctimoniousness—
Buildings of a "doctored" ballot.

Paid for by a strange disease.

Indoors call for straight allegations.
Names bold sacred to take care—
Can we not discern their purposes?
How we courage that we swear
Open—In a combative year!
Then cut them. Do and dare!

from 239,000 in 1903 to 1,100,000 in 1921, an increase of nearly 400 per cent, although the population increased in this period only 35 per cent. In Pittsburgh the circulation increased 500 per cent in the same interval, while in Cleveland it has nearly doubled in the last ten years. These figures I obtain from official sources.

The most of these things noted by the administrators responsible for the great growth and development of the public library in the United States during the last fifty years was that the best books by young persons was so great that a separate department would be necessary to care for it and guide it. This is now more than true, but in its children's department, with well-equipped children's rooms in central and branch buildings, cared for by a special staff of attendants, many of whom have been prepared for their duties by courses in library work with children, the largest number of books in the collection of the library and virtually every book in the collection of the public library in the United States is now in the hands of people throughout the land.

Milton G. and Manning M. Schwerin.

into the churches and Sunday schools, and has been so expanded as to include an outward demonstration of the latent love and gratitude to mothers felt by all classes of worthwhile people throughout the land.

Aguinaldo's Capture

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Can you give us positive information as to what happened to Aguinaldo, the leader of the Philippines in 1901? One year ago today. With sadness and regret for her loving kindness and devotion will never again be known to us.

W. H. STOKELEY,
Philadelphia, May 9, 1922.

More beautiful the muse could never conceive.
Nor art thou far from portray.

Than this sweet vision, still more lovely yet.

For at thy coming cars depart away

And in thy loveliness all woes forget.

C. W. STOCKELEY.

Philadelphia, May 9, 1922.

Deaths

of Godfrey H. Johnson, aged 76.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services, Mon., May 14, 1 P. M., at the First Congregational Church, 10th and Locust streets.

JOHNNAFFON.—On May 12, 1922, SYLVIA JOHNNAFFON, wife of John J. Johnnaffon, died at her late residence, 2012 W. Passyunk ave., Remains may be viewed on Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 10th and Locust streets.

GEORGE F. RUDD.—On May 11, 1922, THOMAS J. RUDD, in his 65th year. Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services, Mon., May 14, 1 P. M., at the Oliver H. Hair Ridge, 1820 Chestnut st., Interment at the Fairmount Cemetery.

FRANK E. BOUCHE.—May 12, FRANK E. Bouche, son of James and Mary Bouche, Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services, Mon., May 14, 1 P. M., at the St. Henry's Church, 19th and Locust streets.

ROBERT E. REINHOLD.—May 12, MARTHA B. REINHOLD, daughter of James and Mary Reinholt, Relatives and friends invited to general services, Mon., May 14, 1 P. M., at the M. Reinholt residence, 207 N. 8th st., Int. private.

DEATHS

BRUNNER.—On May 10, 1922, PAULINE BRUNNER, wife of William P. Brunner, Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services, Mon., May 14, 1 P. M., at the First Congregational Church, 10th and Locust streets.

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JOHN J. MCARTHY.—May 10, 1922, JOHN J. McCarthy, son of Michael and Mary McCarthy, Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services, Mon., May 14, 1 P. M., at the St. Peter's Cemetery.

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